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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Montgomery, Alabama

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 201,568
- Race/Ethnicity: 47.1% white; 49.4% black/African American; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.1% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other race; 0.9% two or more races; 1.2% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Montgomery is located in Montgomery County.

Politics

- Mayor: Bobby N. Bright²
- City Council Members (Districts 1-9, respectively): P.E. (Pep) Pilgreen; Charles W. Smith; Tracy Larkin; Dr. James A. Nuckles; Terance D. Dawson; Willie Cook; Alice D. Reynolds; B.J. (Ben) McNeill; Charles W. Jinright³
- Chief of Police: John H. Wilson⁴
- Montgomery County Sheriff: D.T. Marshall⁵

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁶
Designated in 1996, the Gulf Coast HIDTA is responsible for Baldwin, Jefferson, Madison, Mobile, Montgomery, and Morgan counties in Alabama. In addition to Alabama, the Gulf Coast HIDTA is also responsible for counties in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
Since funding was first available through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program in FY 1998, only one coalition in Montgomery has received funding. In FY 2000, the Council on Substance Abuse – NCADD received \$99,932.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁸
One site in Montgomery has received Federal funding and been officially recognized as a Weed and Seed site.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2001 Discretionary Funds received in Montgomery:⁹
 - Center for Mental Health Services:
 - \$100,000 to the Alabama Department of Mental Health. Project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - \$898,413 to the Alabama Department of Mental Health. Project period: 9/30/97-8/31/03
 - \$70,000 to Alabama Family Ties, Inc. Project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - \$82,486 to the State of Alabama. Project period: 4/1/01-8/1/01

- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:
 - \$249,000 to Montgomery AIDS Outreach, Inc. Project period: 9/30/99-9/29/02
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment:
 - No Montgomery recipients
- Montgomery did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.¹⁰
- There were no Montgomery recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.¹¹
- There were no Montgomery recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.¹²
- FY 2001 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received by Montgomery recipients:¹³
 - \$27,434,440 in formula funds
 - \$9,407,553 in discretionary funds

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2001, there were 19 adult arrests for drug sales in Montgomery County.¹⁴ This is a decrease over the 30 adult drug sale arrests in 2000.¹⁵ There were 43 adult arrests for drug sales in Montgomery County in 1999.¹⁶

Number of Adult Drug Arrests, Montgomery County, 1999-2001

Drug Type	<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>		<u>2001</u>	
	Sale	Poss.	Sale	Poss.	Sale	Poss.
Opium/cocaine	31	61	21	91	8	62
Marijuana	7	371	4	322	7	288
Synthetic	0	3	2	5	1	3
Other	5	14	3	26	3	0
Total	43	449	30	444	19	353

- The Montgomery Police Department made 534 adult arrests for Part I offenses and 674 adult arrests for Part II offenses in 2001.¹⁷
- There were 15,804 index offenses known to the Montgomery Police Department in 2001.¹⁸

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Montgomery, 2001

Offense	# of Offenses
Homicide	26
Rape	99
Robbery	652
Assault	680
Burglary	3,252
Larceny	9,940
Auto theft	1,155
Total index offenses	15,804

Juveniles

- During 2001, there were 3 juvenile arrests for drug sales in Montgomery County.¹⁹ This is an increase over the 2 juvenile drug sale arrests in 2000.²⁰ There were also 2 juvenile arrests for drug sales in Montgomery County in 1999.²¹

Number of Juvenile Drug Arrests, Montgomery County, 1999-2001

Drug Type	1999		2000		2001	
	Sale	Poss.	Sale	Poss.	Sale	Poss.
Opium/cocaine	0	6	0	13	0	8
Marijuana	2	62	2	65	0	61
Synthetic	0	0	0	1	3	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	68	2	79	3	69

- The Montgomery Police Department made 314 juvenile arrests for Part I offenses and 823 juvenile arrests for Part II offenses in 2001.²²
- In a 2002 survey of Montgomery County students, 41% of 12th graders reported using marijuana during their lives.²³

Percent of Students Reporting Lifetime Drug Use, Montgomery County, 2002

Drug Type	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Cigarettes	45%	40%	46%	43%
Alcohol	66	61	70	73
Marijuana	34	27	39	41
Inhalants	15	7	5	5
Hallucinogens	3	1	3	5
Cocaine	4	0	2	3
Other drugs	9	5	8	7

- Twenty percent of Montgomery County 8th graders surveyed in 2002 reported lifetime marijuana use.²⁴

Percent of Students Reporting Lifetime Drug Use, Montgomery County, 2002

Drug Type	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Cigarettes	23%	37%	41%
Alcohol	28	39	57
Marijuana	7	14	20
Inhalants	10	13	9
Hallucinogens	1	4	2
Cocaine	n/a	2	2
Other drugs	5	11	6

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 600 full-time law enforcement employees in Montgomery (429 officers and 171 civilians).²⁵
- Vice/Narcotics Bureau²⁶
The Montgomery Police Department Vice/Narcotics Bureau is responsible for all adult drug cases, both misdemeanor and felony. Investigators within this Bureau are assigned to multi-agency drug task forces consisting of Federal, State, and local agencies.
- Juvenile Enforcement Bureau²⁷
This Montgomery Police Department bureau is responsible for the investigation of all crimes involving juveniles as victims or suspects. This includes misdemeanor and felony drug offenses.

Trafficking and Seizures

- The geographic location of the Gulf Coast HIDTA between the Southwest Border and the eastern seaboard serves as a strategic corridor for drug traffickers transshipping drugs and money to and from the eastern and northern parts of the U.S.²⁸

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁹
As of January 17, 2003, there was 1 drug court in Montgomery that had recently been implemented. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in Montgomery.

Corrections

- In February 2003, approximately 7.3% of the Alabama Department of Corrections inmate population were from Montgomery County.³⁰

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